In claim 8, line 1, please replace "as defined in claim 6 or 7" with --as defined in claim 6--.

In claim 9, lines 1-2, please replace "as defined in any one of the preceding claims 6-8" with --as defined in claim 6--.

In claim 10, lines 1-2, please replace "as defined in any one of the preceding claims 6-9" with --as defined in claim 6--.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to insert an abstract page into the application and to remove multiple dependencies from the following claims: 3-5 and 8-10.

Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.
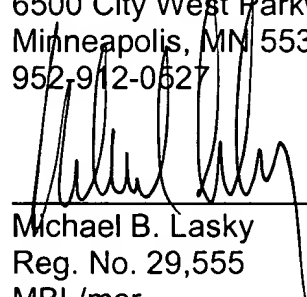
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at 952.912.0527.

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